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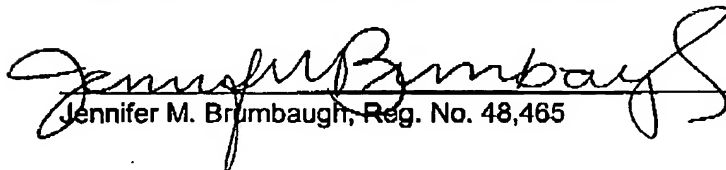
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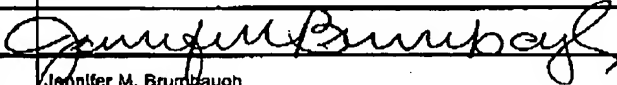
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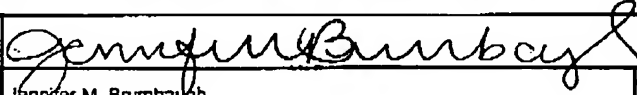
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND/OR ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of March 22, 2005, the Applicants provisionally elect Species III, directed to Claims 1, 7-8, 9, 13-17 and 19-20. Accordingly, Claims 2-6, 10-12 and 18 are withdrawn and Claims 1, 7-9, 13-17 and 19-20 will be examined.

The following claims are readable upon the species indicated by the Examiner in the Office action:

- Species I – Claims 1-9 and 16-20
- Species II – Claims 1, 7-8, 9-12, 16-17 and 19-20
- Species III – Claims 1, 7-8, 9, 13-17 and 19-20

The Examiner states in the Office action that claim 9 appears to be generic. However, the Applicants contend that independent claims 1, 9 and 19 are generic claims and readable upon each of the five species. As noted by the Examiner in the Office action, allowance of a generic claim will entitle the Applicants to consideration of the claims directed to additional species.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.